

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 7, which starts with "Cardiomyopathy (CMP) ", with the following amended paragraph:

Cardiomyopathy (CMP) is a disease leading to myocardial enlargement and myocardial weakness. The myocardial weakness leads to a diminished pumping function and diminished ejection action of the heart. The pathogenesis of dilative cardiomyopathy remains unknown. Ischemic cardiomyopathy may be attributable to myocardial infarction(s) because the dead areas of myocardium are replaced by connective tissue. However, this connective tissue replacement of myocardium is unable to carry out any cardiac functions. As a consequence, myocardial function is reduced and water accumulates in the lungs and in the lower extremities. The results are severe dyspnea, incapability of exertion and tiredness.